



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH
March 2004

WHEREAS, with a mission to prevent and relieve human suffering, the American Red Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, and chartered and authorized by Congress to serve our state, the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Chapters of the American Red Cross help North Dakotans prevent, prepare for, and respond to life threatening emergencies by delivering relief services to victims of disaster, offering health and safety training such as first aid and CPR, providing emergency communication services to military families, and participating in international humanitarian projects; and

WHEREAS, last year, the American Red Cross responded to 151 disasters in North Dakota, including home fires, floods and winter storms, and provided food, clothing, shelter and counseling to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Chapters of the American Red Cross have provided a message of preparedness to more than 50,000 North Dakotans, educating families, schools and businesses about what they can do at each threat level of the federal alert system to strengthen our state's response in the event of future terrorist attacks or other disasters; and

WHEREAS, under its charter, the American Red Cross also serves military families by delivering emergency messages between soldiers and their families back home. Last year, the North Dakota chapters sent almost 1,700 emergency communications; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2004, as **AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State